2000-2001 (in rupee terms). As can be seen from these figures, the apprehensions regarding India becoming a dumping ground are not borne out by facts.

However, export promotion is a constant endeavour of the government and export growth is being constantly monitored. Export policy and strategy is formulated accordingly. In this direction, a number of steps have recently been taken. These include reduction in transaction cost through decentralization, simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives. Further, Special Economic Zones (SEZ) are being set up to boost the exports. The measures announced, in amendments to Exim Policy, on 31.03.2001 include promotion of agricultural exports through setting up of Agri Export Zones, improvement in market access, setting up business-cum-trade facilitation centre and trade portal besides strengthening the present duty remission schemes like advance licence scheme, duty free replenishment certificate, duty entitlement passbook scheme etc.

**Growth centre at Pauri district (Uttaranchal)**

†954. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 381 given in Rajya Sabha on 21st August, 2000 and state:

(a) by when the development centre approved for the Pauri district (Uttaranchal) is likely to be formally set up; and

(b) the details available with the Government of Uttaranchal regarding the action taken by the Centre in this regard and the action taken by Government of Uttaranchal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) The Growth Centre which was proposed to be set up in Pauri-Garhwal district, was originally allotted to the State of Uttar Pradesh. With the creation of the new State of Uttaranchal the district Pauri-Garhwal falls within the new State and the decision regarding setting

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

up of this centre is to be taken by the Government of Uttaranchal. Three letters were issued to the Government of Uttaranchal on 23.01.2001, 20.3.2001 and 23.7.2001 with the request to furnish the necessary project report on the Growth Centre. The detailed project report is still awaited from the Government of Uttaranchal.

**Demand and supply of tea**

955. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the production and export of tea during 1999-2000 in comparison to the previous year and trend of exports in 2000-2001;

(b) the consumption of tea with in the country;

(c) the gap between demand and production of tea in the country;

(d) whether the export of tea has been declining year after year; and

(e) the details of foreign exchange earned from the export of tea and the loss of revenue, in terms of rupee, due to fall in export of tea?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Production and export of tea during 1999-2000 in comparison to 1998-99 and the trend of exports in 2000-2001 are as follows:

(Figures in Mn. Kgs.)

| Year | Production | Export |
|---|---|---|
| 1998-99 | 852.45 | 205.86 |
| 1999-2000 | 835.35 | 192.44 |
| 2000-2001 | 848.36 | 196.32 |